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Officer Chetta Dies at 56; Rites Are Set

Funeral services for Nicholas Chetta Jr., a New Orleans Police Department detective, will be held tomorrow at 9:30 a.m. at Jacob Schoen and Son Inc., 3827 Canal St.

Interment in Greenwood Cemetery will follow religious services at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church, 411 N. Rampart St., officiated by the Rev. Peter Rogers, O.M.I.

Det. Chetta, 56, died of a heart attack Monday night in Montelepre Memorial Hospital.

A member of the fugitive division of the department for the past five years, he joined the department more than 29 years ago as a second district patrolman.

From there he went to juvenile division, after which he was promoted to detective and assigned to the district attorney's office.

Det. Chetta was then assigned to the bureau of identification and then to the detective bureau.

Treasurer of the Police and Fireman Holy Name Society for the past 18 years, Det.

DET. NICHOLAS CHETTA

Chetta was a member of the Police Mutual Benevolent Association, the Louisiana Peace Officers and Municipal Police Officers associations, the American Federation of Police and the Fraternal Order of Police.

He was also an honorary member of the Veterans Firefighters Association and was a member of the Veterans Police Association.

Det. Chetta attended St. Anthony of Padua Church.

Survivors include his widow, the former Irene Roy; one daughter, Miss Maria-Kay Chetta; one stepson, Roy G. Guggenheim; a sister, Mrs. Catherine Moran; two brothers, Anthony and John Chetta, and one grandchild.